



¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for reuoking the Commission  
concerning Archery.



Hereas Wee taking into Our Princely consideration the great decay of the aunient laudable, and blefull Exercise of Archery, and shooting in the Long-Bow, whereby great victories haue been heretofore atchieued by the English Nation, and of which, good vse might be still made in time of warre, besides the good meanes by that commendable and healthfull Recreation, to keepe men from other idle sports, and vnlawfull Playes and Games, the common Nurseries of many hatefull Vices, Mischiefes, and disorders in the Realme, did for the better quickening of the execution of a good and wholesome Statute, made in the thre and thirtieth yeere of King Henry the eighth, for en-  
teyning the vie of Archery, and suppressing vnlawfull Games, grant a speciall Commission vnder the great Seale of England, bearing date the fourth day of April, in the fourth yeere of Our Reigne, directed to Timothy Taylor, Iohn Hubart, Henry Hubart, Gentlemen, and Ieffery Le Neauc, Esquire; Giuing them by the said Commission ample authoritie, for the better execution of the Statute aforesayd, as by the said Commission may more largely appeare. Now wee are lately informed from severall parts of this Kingdome of diuers exactions, and other vn-  
sufferable abuses committed by colour of the said Commission, to the great trouble, disquiet, and discouragement of Our louing Subiects. And therefore wee, by the aduice of Our Primate Councell, doe hereby Revoke, Recall, and absolutely determine the said Commission, and all Du-  
plicats, and Exemplifications thereof; Straightly charging and commanding, that neither the said Commissioners, nor any other, doe presume from the time of publishing this Proclamation, to put in execution the said Commission, or any Duplicate or Exemplification thereof, nor to doe, or attempt any thing by reason or colour thereof, vpon paine of Our heavy indignation and displeasure, and such punishment as may iustly be inflicted for so high a contempt. Neuerthelesse, it is Our Will and pleasure, that all Maiors, Sheriffes, Iustices of Peace, Constables, and all o-  
ther Our Officers within their severall Offices and Jurisdictions respectively, doe with all due care and diligence, aduance and further the said aunient and commendable exercise of Archery, and the due execution of the said Statute, whereby idlenesse & vnlawful Games, and many enor-  
mous vices arising thereby, may be repressed, to the generall good of Our Kingdome. And that it may appeare how much wee abhorre and detest these abuses which haue been committed, to the grievance of Our Subiects, by abusing the sayd Commission, Our further Will and pleasure is, that all Our Judges, Iustices of Peace, and other of Our Officers and Ministers, to whom it doth or may appertaine, doe vpon Complaint made of any the offences or abuses committed by colour of the said Commission, not onely punish the Delinquents, but giue such remedy and redresse to the parties grieved, as to Law and Justice shall appertaine.

Giuen at Our Court at Woodstocke, the xxiiij. of August, in the seuenth yeere of Our Reigne.

*God saue the King.*

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